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Selections.

BLACK SOLDIERS IN BATTLE.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF COL. HUGGINS.
(Following full and explicit official report of Col. T. W. Huggins record the gallant conduct of the negroes under fire, and their successful operations in Georgia and Florida.)

On Board STEAMER Bay Dredge, [Sunday, Feb. 1, 1863.]

BIGELOW, SAXTON, Military Governor, etc.

GENERAL: I have the honor to report the safe return of the expedition under my command, a company of 422 soldiers and men of the 1st Regt. of colored volunteers, who left Beaufort on South Carolina, on the 1st ult., and on the 23d reached the steamer John Adams, Planter and Ben Deford.

The expedition had crossed the regtional flag and the French tricolor, and far into the interior of Georgia and Florida. The men have been repeatedly under fire, had infantry, cavalry and even artillery arrayed against them, and have, in every instance, come off, not only with honor, but with undiminished numbers. At Townsend, Fla., a detachment of the expedition fought a cavalry company which met us unexpectedly on a midnight march through pine woods, and which completely surrounded us. They were held in check by rifle, resin, turpentine and cotton; and it would afford the officers and men of this regiment great pleasure to constantly employed in obtaining these supplies for the government from rebel sources. But we had to take the field again, and were again engaged in a skirmish with the rebels at Mohawk, besides many wounded. So complete was our victory that the enemy scattered in woods all night, and returned to us next day, a fact which was unfortunately unknown until too late to follow up our advantage. Had I listened to the urgent appeals of my men, and pressed the fight, we could have captured the rebels at Mohawk, and victory, darkness, his uncertain numbers and wretched motions, with your injunctions of caution, I judged it better to rest satisfied with the victory already gained.

On another occasion, a detachment of about 250 men, under the command of the John Adams, fought its way up and down a river, the most dangerous in the Department—the St. Mary's—a river left untraversed by our gunboats for many months, as it required a boat hunt to the John Adams, and it was a narrow, narrow, swift, winding, and bordered at many places with high bluffs, which blazed with rifle shots. With our glasses, as we approached these points, we could see mounted men by the hundred, galloping through the woods from the right, and the rebels were scattered in our ship, and shell they were so daring against munketry that one rebel actually sprang from the shore upon the large boat which was to our stern, where he was shot down by the gunners of the steamer. We could see our shell scatter the rebels who had been among them, and some terrible execution must have been done; but not a man of this regiment was killed or wounded, though the steamer was covered with bullet-holes, and each shewa where our gunners had been hit. I find myself now nothing. There is a fiery energy about them beyond anything of which I have ever read, unless it be the French Zouaves. I require the strict discipline to be held in the camp. During my first visit on the river, I got them all penned below, they crowded at the open ends of the steamer, loading and firing with inconceivable rapidity and shooting to each other. Never give it up! When collected into the steamer, they actually fought each other at the few port-holes from which they could fire on the enemy.

Meanwhile, the black regt., admirably trained by Lieutenant Stockdale, and Mr. G. M. Jones, became a terror to all, (being a perfect match for our men,) and Mr. Jones, of the gunboat, did their duty with the slightest protection and great coolness, amid a storm of shot and shell. The fire-works was not undertaken in mere bravado. Capt. Sears, U. S. A., the contractor of Fort Clinch, and Mr. S. S. Smith, of the gunboat, did their duty with the slightest protection and great coolness, amid a storm of shot and shell.

This fire-works was not undertaken at Fort Clinch, but at the mouth of the St. Mary's, to endeavor to obtain a large supply of valuable timber to remain at the brick-yards thirty miles up the St. Mary's, from which Fort Clinch was originally supplied. The gunboat Department had referred the matter to the War Dept., who appointed me to undertake the enterprise. After a few days' rest, in the leisure of Lieutenant Hughe, U. S. N., commanding United States steamer Mohawk, now lying at Fernandina, to obtain information regarding a rebel force at the port, I sent a messenger to the War Dept., and my orders were to go to the head of the river, and to be prepared to lay waste to any of the blockade ports.

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you, and have kindly assisted me on many occasions, for which I am, in great truth,
Your sincere and faithful friend,
S. C. COLE,
Miss. L. MARIA CHILD.

But we must refrain from further extracts from our correspondence, or else we shall extend our report to great a length. The earlier part of the evening was well spent in the society of Mr. Monteith of CONVENT, and WILLIAM WELLS BROWN, and with the impressive readings of Mrs. DE MURAT, the glowing tinge of whose complexion certainly did not impair the effect of her well-selected and well-pronounced pieces. In the intervals, music from the orchestra came in to refresh and inspire; and the remainder of the evening was devoted to promenading, conversation and music. We acknowledge with our best thanks the aid rendered to us by HENRY QUENTER, Esq., who so cheerfully consented to precede on the platform, and who discharged the duties of the office with his usual ability and tact.

The arrangements of the stage attracted attention, and though no attempt at display was made, proved of much interest to the assembly. Upon a long white piano were placed portraits and busts of eminent friends living and departed, of the anti-slavery cause; in the centre being an admirable life-size and most lifelike portrait of John Brown, Hero and Martyr of Liberty. Besides the busts and portraits were other memorials of the long anti-slavery contest, and around the hall were arranged the banners, with their appropriate devices and mottoes, of nearly thirty years. These have illustrated our principles, and our gathering has been a great success. The rear of the stage was raised the large banner containing the coat-of-arms of Virginia, that State lately so proud, claiming to be mistress of the land, and bitterly wronging her vengeance upon John Brown and his handful of friends; but now, sunk so low, devasted by the war she herself courted and forced to iniquity, and stripped of the upmost power she could do so long.

It was thought desirable to obtain, if possible, a photographic picture of the stage and southern end of the Music Hall—as a memorial of the occasion—and a very successful representation has been obtained by a well-known and skillful artist.

In this paper we are happy to be able to say that the total amount of the subscriptions, received to this time, is over THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS. The amount received from home contributions is larger than upon any previous occasion, a circumstance extremely cheering to us, and hopeful for the future. The European subscriptions are much less than heretofore, for many reasons; and first, because no direct appeal or request was made by us to friends abroad for aid, and because the general notice was issued here at a late day (not until Dec. 10th), the but little time for remittance was lost on the part of friends in Europe. But still more, the misapprehensions concerning our war and the relation of abolitionists to it, which have extremely prevailed abroad, which now, we rejoice to see, are giving way before clearer light and the higher position of our own government, and the wide-spread distress in the manufacturing districts of Great Britain and Ireland, forced us to ask or to anticipate the usual donations.

With sincere thanks to ALL, whose united interest and effort made our twenty-ninth anniversary so pleasant, so full of promise, and so helpful to the cause, we close our Report.

L. MARIA CHILD,

in behalf of the Committee of Anti-Slavery Women.

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